

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION V

DATE: January 6, 1994

SUBJECT: Documentation of a Telephone conference between Terry Ayers, IEPA, Brad Bradley and John Oaks RE: NL/Taracorp Extended Remedial Action

FROM: John Oaks

TO: Terry Ayers and Brad Bradley

Brad Bradley asked Terry Ayers to update us as to the status of the U.S. EPA's December 14, 1993 request to IEPA of an amendment to the Superfund State Contract (Intergovernmental Agreement) which exists between IEPA and U.S. EPA in the matter of the Extended Remedial Action at the NL/Taracorp site in Granite City, Illinois. This amendment will add \$10,000,000 of Superfund money to the project, and require IEPA to increase its cost share by \$1,000,000.

Terry said that he had the amendment on his desk, and that IEPA is considering the financial ramifications of this amendment. Terry went on to say that IEPA may need U.S. EPA approval of IEPA's request (part 2) for credit for the remedial action that IEPA carried out at the Byron site, in order for IEPA to provide its 10% cost share for NL/Taracorp. Brad stated that the project will need to be shut down if we do not receive the signed amendment from IEPA by mid-February. I told Terry that IEPA should not count on a decision on the Byron Credit issue being rendered in time to avoid that shut-down, and that needless additional costs would be incurred if the shut-down occurs.

I reminded Terry, that as a result of the discussion of the Byron credit issue at the Year-End meeting in October, IEPA said it would provide to U.S. EPA, documentation of its contractor procurement process in the matter of the Byron Remedial Action for which IEPA is seeking the additional credit, and that, thus far we have not received it.

Terry promised to get us a response within several working days of this phone conversation, as to whether or not IEPA intends to agree to the NL/Taracorp SSC amendment.

